

REMARKS

In response to the Examiner's Election of Species requirement, Applicant hereby elects the species of Species 1 (Figure 1) on which at least claims 1-11 are readable, with traverse. That is, contrary to the Examiner's assertions, close study and review of the application indicate that claims 1-11 are all the claims presently pending in the application. The Examiner indicates that claim 1 is generic to all species. Applicant reserves the opportunity to file Divisional Applications for the non-elected species later.

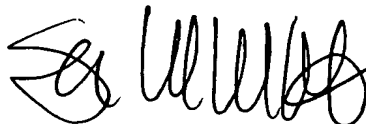
Further, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner's acknowledgment of the priority document filed on June 30, 2002.

Early, favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner find the application to be other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the local telephone number listed below to discuss any other changes deemed necessary in a telephonic or personal interview.

A conditional petition is made for any extension of time which may become necessary. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees for such extension and to credit any overpayment in fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 50-0481.

Respectfully Submitted,



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